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SELECTMEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012 APPROVED MARCH 26, 2012

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:03 PM on Monday, March 12, 2011.

Present:

Jim O'Brien, Chairman
George Langwasser, Selectman
Bryan Pellerin, Selectman
Denis Goddard, Selectman
Neal Cass, Town Administrator
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Absent: Tom Congoran, Selectman

Public Present:

Janet Krzyzaniak, Jacquelyn Cate, Karlana Reen, Lillian Landry, June Garvin, Elaine Lambert, Marianne Menna, Marjorie Anderson, Gloria Symonds, Jackson Ward, Judith Sanborn, Arlene Conaway, Mary E. Merrill, Joanne Woodward, Merle Dustin, Susan Afflerbach, Bonnie & Lester Cressy, Mary Leadbeater, Allita Paine, Bob LaPree, Ken Wilkens

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Selectmen Goddard made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as written. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Goddard
And Pellerin voting in favor of the motion;
no votes against; motion passes 4-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of January 17, 2012. Selectman Langwasser made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting of January 17, 2012. Selectmen Goddard seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser voting in favor
of the motion; no votes against; Goddard and
Pellerin abstaining; motion passes 2-0-2.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of February 13, 2012. Selectman Pellerin made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting of January 13, 2012. Selectmen Goddard seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Goddard and Pellerin voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; motion passes 4-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of January 17, 2012. Selectman Langwasser made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting of January 17, 2012. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; Goddard and Pellerin abstaining; motion passes 2-0-2.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of February 13, 2012, Session I. Selectman Langwasser made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 13, 2012. Selectmen Goddard seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Goddard and Pellerin voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; motion passes 4-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of February 13, 2012, Session II. Selectman Pellerin made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 13, 2012. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Goddard and Pellerin voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; motion passes 4-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of February 13, 2012, Session III. Selectman Goddard made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 13, 2012. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Goddard and Pellerin voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; motion passes 4-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of February 13, 2012, Session IV. Selectman Langwasser made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 13, 2012. Selectmen Goddard seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Goddard and Pellerin voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; motion passes 4-0.

III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Gary Richardson is in to speak to the Board about the upcoming Town Meeting. He has looked over the warrant and asked the Board for their comments. A discussion ensued with regards to Articles 11, 12, and 13. A discussion ensued with regards to Article 14. Mr. Richardson asked if the Board had any further comments or questions. Chairmen O'Brien stated he would like the discussion of Article 4 to stay on topic. He further explained the article is about the position of Human Services not the person in that position.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Flood Control Update-Chairmen O'Brien informed the public present the Board has discussed the matter with the attorney. There are 15 communities along the river that are affected by this. The State of NH made an agreement to compensate those towns whose communities were affected by flood control land not being taxable. NH and Massachusetts also have an agreement where Massachusetts is to reimburse the state of NH for flood control. However, Massachusetts has not paid and NH is cutting back on payment to the towns. Hopkinton stands to lose a large portion of revenue and has sent a demand letter to the State in an effort to get the money owed. Peterborough has also sent a letter.

V. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Mary Leadbeater and Bob LaPree were in to discuss the Board's position on Pay by Bag, as once again an article will come up at town meeting to rescind Pay by Bag. Selectmen Goddard and Selectmen Langwasser will speak in favor of Pay by Bag. It was noted recycling has increased, revenue has increased from the increase recycling and household trash has decreased.

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Janet Krzyzaniak asked if the Board would take a topic out of order as most of the people present are here for the discussion on Slusser Senior Center.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Chairmen O'Brien stated that Recreation Director Jessica Bailey has requested that the Board meet with the Senior Recreation Council with regards to the use of the Slusser Senior Center. The seniors do not want like the idea of children using the facilities. They do not want any group in the building that could possibly destroy it. Lillian Landry stated we have 3 schools, 4 churches, a Boys and Girls Club and a Community Room in the Library, Jessica should be able to use those buildings for the youth programs. The Senior Center is not child proof.

Susan Paquin stated the Slussers were very generous with their donation. The Town has enough things that support the youth, the money was donated for a Senior Center.

Allita Paine stated the schools have people on duty later in the day; the Senior Center does not. Supervision is a must during youth programs; she is worried about children wandering around the building. There is a gas stove in the kitchen with knobs that are easily reached.

Chairmen O'Brien stated the Board asked Jessica to schedule more youth programs and she has scheduled them after the Center closed at 4:30 pm. Mr. Cass stated we only have control over the buildings that we own.

Gloria Symonds hoped the Board would meet with the Senior Council to discuss the matter.

Chairmen O'Brien stated other programs are allowed to run at the Center. All Senior Activities have priority and all other activities are scheduled after the Center closes. The Policy has no restrictions on after hours use for other groups. We cannot restrict the use of the building by other groups.

Mary Merrill inquired if Article 13 would have any impact on any further discussions. Chairmen O'Brien explained Articles 11, 12, and 13.

Gloria Symonds stated we should be adding money to the fund. Kids need another gym. There is a need for a community center.

Ed Kerr stated we should set a time and date to meet with the Board. Selectmen Pellerin stated the Board needs time to go over the rules and policies all ready in place for the Senior Center. He further suggested meeting at the Senior Center for the Board's next meeting.

It was noted the class currently going on at the Senior Center is an 8 to 10 week class with approximately 15 students. Jessica Bailey and other adults are there for supervision. Chairmen O'Brien further stated we are not cancelling the class.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Accessibility-It was noted a letter was received from the Governor's Commission on Disabilities. We have done some things but the bathrooms will be a large expense.

Hopkinton Webster Solid Waste Permit-Mr. Cass received an e-mail from Barbara Corliss with a request to modify the existing solid waste permit, which would allow the Committee to proceed with developing a program plan and non-resident fee schedule.

Selectmen Goddard made a motion to modify the existing Solid Waste Permit. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Goddard and
Pellerin voting in favor of the motion; no votes
against; motion passes 4-0.

Perch Lane-We have received a request from Katherine Mills, indicating that she plans on residing at 124 Perch Lane and would like the town to plow that section of the road as we currently only plow this road as an emergency lane to 78 Perch Lane. Discussion ensued.

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to decline the request to continue the emergency lane plowing from 78 to 124 Perch Lane.

VOTE: Langwasser, Goddard and Pellerin
voting in favor of the motion; O'Brien voting
against; motion passes; 3-1.

Mr. Cass noted that we have received the agreement from Comcast and it has been forwarded to town council for review. Discussion ensued with regards to obtaining a public local access channel.

Road Committee Appointment-It was noted by Mr. Cass that Lester Cressy is now a member of the road committee.

Town Meeting Assignments and Handouts-Chairmen O'Brien will do the Budget Presentation. The selectmen were assigned to speak to the following articles:

Article 3-O'Brien

Article 4- Petitioner Ken Wilkens/Congoran

Article 5-Pellerin

Article 6- Langwasser

Article 7-Goddard

Article 8-Langwasser/Danny Coen

Article 9-Petitioner Ken Wilkens/Langwasser and Goddard speaking for Pay by Bag

Article 10-Pellerin

Article 11-O'Brien

Article 12-O'Brien

Article 13-O'Brien

Article 14-Congoran

Article 15-Langwasser

Article 16-Pellerin

Discussion ensued with regards to handouts for town meeting.

Voting Day Coverage-Langwasser will be outside all day as he is running for office

Mr. Cass will be at the polls most of the day

O'Brien 7:00 am to 9:00 am and will be back at the close of the polls at 7:00 pm

Pellerin-at the close of polls at 7:00 pm

Goddard-not available

Selectmen Pellerin made a motion to appoint Bonnie Cressy as a certified representation at the 3/13/2012 elections. Selectmen Goddard seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Goddard and
Pellerin voting in favor of the motion; no votes
against; motion passes 4-0.

IX. OTHER

Contoocook Carry-The Congorans' will once again underwrite the expenses of the race and are asking the Town to sponsor the race.

Selectmen Goddard made a motion to approve the town sponsorship of the Contoocook Carry. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Goddard and
Pellerin voting in favor of the motion; no votes
against; motion passes 4-0.

Selectmen Goddard inquired if the town would expend \$24.50 per month for Greener Hopkinton to have access to Constant Contact. Mr. Cass stated if the Town used Constant Contact the administrative office should be the contact. He will look into it.

There being no further business, motion by Selectman Pellerin to adjourn the meeting. Selectmen Goddard seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Pellerin
and Goddard voting in favor of the motion;
no votes against, motion passes; 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting.